



## PROFESSOR CYNTHIA J. BURROWS JOINS USTAR GOVERNING AUTHORITY BOARD

A gifted scientist with decades of experience in basic research was recently appointed to the USTAR Governing Authority board. Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the University of Utah, Cynthia J. Burrows, Ph.D., is pursuing research that seeks to understand the processes of oxidative damage to DNA, from which stem many health issues related to cancer and aging.

Burrows holds a B.A. degree from the University of Colorado, and a Ph.D. from Cornell University. She conducted postdoctoral research at Université Louis Pasteur, in Strasbourg, France. She is a Senior Editor of the Journal of Organic Chemistry, and has won numerous awards in her career, including the U of U's Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Research Award in 2005. Her web site is [www.chem.utah.edu/faculty/burrows/burrows.html](http://www.chem.utah.edu/faculty/burrows/burrows.html).



“One of the strengths of the USTAR board is its blend of people with business and scientific expertise,” said vice chairman Scott Anderson, president and CEO of Zions First National Bank. “Dr. Burrows brings the perspective of basic research, which is so important in fostering commercial breakthroughs in technology. With a considerable amount of USTAR research happening in the life sciences, her experience will prove invaluable in evaluating progress to date as well as new opportunities.”

“It’s exciting to see the scope and impact that USTAR’s efforts have had so far and the real passion for progress on the board,” Burrows said. “I look forward to working with my colleagues to support the initiative and keep the momentum going.”

Burrows joins the Governing Authority in place of another U of U researcher, Cathy Petti, M.D., who recently moved to California to work with the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. “We are sad to see Dr. Petti leave Utah, and wish her all the best,” Anderson said. “Her insights and efforts on behalf of USTAR are greatly appreciated.”

### **ABOUT USTAR**

The Utah Science Technology and Research initiative (USTAR) is a long-term, state-funded investment to strengthen Utah's "knowledge economy" and generate high-paying jobs. Funded in March 2006 by the State Legislature, USTAR is based on three program areas. The first area involves funding for strategic investments at the University of Utah and Utah State University to recruit world-class researchers. The second area is to build state-of-the-art interdisciplinary facilities at these institutions for the innovation teams. The third program area involves teams that work with companies and entrepreneurs across the State to promote science, innovation, and commercialization activities. For more information, go to [www.innovationutah.com](http://www.innovationutah.com).

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